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SUBJECT: WMO COMMISSION FOR SPECIAL APPLICATIONS OF
METEOROLOGY AND CLIMATOLOGY (COSAMC) SEVENTH SESSION:
FINAL REPORT.

1. SUMMARY: THE SEVENTH SESSION OF WMO COSAMC, WITH 57 STATES REPRESENTED BY 109 DELEGATES, COMPLETED ITS AGENDA ON APRIL 28, 1978. BEST REPRESENTED AREAS WERE AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST AND EUROPE; SOUTH AMERICA AND ASIA WERE POORLY REPRESENTED, SUCH IMPORTANT MEMBERS AS AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, JAPAN, INDIA AND THE PRC BEING ABSENT. ALL MAJOR US POSITIONS WERE ACHIEVED. THE COMMISSION TOOK A NUMBER OF ACTIONS TO SUPPORT A WMO WORLD CLIMATE PROGRAM, NOW BEING DEVELOPED. THOMAS (CANADA) ELECTED AS PRESIDENT FOR NEXT FOUR YEARS; KABAKIBO (SYRIA), AS VICE PRESIDENT.

2. THE COMMISSION INTENDS TO RESPOND, THROUGH A SYSTEM OF NEWLY ESTABLISHED WORKING GROUPS AND RAPORTEURS, TO A BROAD RANGE OF TASKS THAT ARE EXPECTED TO ARISE FROM THE WMO WORLD CLIMATE PROGRAM (WCP) NOW BEING PLANNED FOR THE

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WMO 8TH CONGRESS (MAY 1979). IT SET UP ARRANGEMENTS FOR STUDY OF SUCH QUESTIONS AS THE ENERGY-RELATED ASPECTS OF CLIMATE (INCLUDING ENGINEERING AND BUILDING CLIMATOLOGY); GREATER SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIC STUDIES RELATED TO CLIMATE; ACCELERATED ACTION TO COMPLETE CLIMATIC ATLASES FOR ALL REGIONS OF THE GLOBE; GUIDES FOR SETTING UP OF SECONDARY NETWORKS IN SUPPORT OF SPECIFIC INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC

ACTIVITIES; MORE INTENSIVE USE OF SPACE PLATFORMS FOR GATHERING INFORMATION NEEDED FOR GLOBAL STUDIES OF CLIMATE AND TO IMPROVE DATA SOURCES OVER LARGE AREAS OF THE GLOBE NOW INADEQUATELY REPORTED. IT RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR IMPROVED INFORMATION ON ENERGY SOURCES FROM THE ATMOSPHERE (WIND AND WATER) AND FROM THE SUN.

3. THE COMMISSION MADE A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO THE WMO TECHNICAL REGULATIONS IN THE FIELD OF CLIMATE, STRENGTHENING THE SYSTEM OF INSPECTION OF CLIMATE OBSERVING STATIONS SO AS TO PROVIDE HIGHER QUALITY DATA FOR RESEARCH STUDIES AND APPLICATIONS. A LIST OF GUIDANCE MATERIAL COVERING A NUMBER OF FIELDS IN WHICH CLIMATE DATA ARE REQUIRED WAS ADOPTED IN LIEU OF A GENERAL GUIDE FOR MEMBERS. THIS WAS DONE TO MEET URGENT NEEDS OF THIRD WORLD MEMBERS (WITH SOVIET SUPPORT) AS A COMPLETE GUIDE WOULD LIKELY TAKE SEVERAL YEARS TO REACH THE PUBLICATION STAGE.

4. THE COMMISSION MADE CLEAR ITS INTENTION TO TAKE A MAJOR PART IN THE WMO WORLD CLIMATE PROGRAM. IT REJECTED A SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL THAT WOULD ALTER A PROPOSED DIVISION OF THIS PROGRAM UNDER THREE MAJOR ASPECTS: DATA AND SERVICES; RESEARCH; AND CLIMATE IMPACT STUDIES. THE MEMBERS FELT THAT DATA SOURCES MUST BE CLOSELY KEYED TO THE SERVICES THAT ARE BASED UPON THEM; AND THAT CLIMATE IMPACTS ON MAN ARE OFTEN OF A LOCAL NATURE, AND THUS A MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CLIMATE DATA RATHER THAN BASIC RESEARCH

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INTO IMPACTS HAVING GLOBAL SIGNIFICANCE. IT DEFERRED MAKING A RECOMMENDATION ON THE PROPOSED WMO/UNEP WORLD CLIMATE WATCH (WCW) ON THE GROUNDS THAT NOT ENOUGH WAS KNOWN ABOUT THE PROPOSAL AND ITS POTENTIAL INTERACTIONS WITH THE WMO'S LONG-STANDING WORLD WEATHER WATCH PROGRAM (WWW). UNDERLYING UNEASINESS WITH SECRETARIAT PROPOSALS WAS ALSO FACTOR IN BOTH THESE ACTIONS.

5. THE COMMISSION SET UP (WITH SOME SOVIET OPPOSITION) A NEW WORKING GROUP THAT WOULD DEAL WITH CLIMATE DATA, CLIMATE SERVICES AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED CLIMATE IMPACT STUDIES AND RESEARCH. THE GROUP WOULD INTEGRATE THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION MORE CLOSELY TO THE MAJOR DIVISIONS OF THE PROPOSED WORLD CLIMATE PROGRAM (WCP). THE COMMISSION FELT THAT SUCH A WORKING GROUP WOULD BE USEFUL, EVEN IF THE WCP WERE EVENTUALLY STRUCTURED DIFFERENTLY. THE SOVIET MEMBER ARGUED THAT COORDINATION WITH THE WCP SHOULD BE PRIMARILY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMMISSION'S ADVISORY WORKING GROUP, AND THAT ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGING THE EXISTING PROPOSALS FOR THAT PROGRAM SHOULD BE AVOIDED AT THIS STAGE. THE US DELEGATION SUPPORTED THE PROPOSED WORKING GROUP AS A MEANS FOR TIE-IN BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE WCP. ITS

CHAIRMAN IS MCKAY (CANADA), WITH SEVERAL STRONG WESTERN MEMBERS. THE NEW PRESIDENT HAS AUTHORITY TO APPOINT ADDITIONAL MEMBERS AND OTHER RAPORTEURS AS NEEDED, WHICH WILL PERMIT THE COMMISSION TO RESPOND QUICKLY TO NEW DEMANDS OF THE WCP.

6. THE NEED FOR TRAINING AND GUIDANCE MATERIAL WAS STRESSED BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS ONE OF THEIR TOP PRIORITIES. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN ASKED COLLECTIVELY AND INDIVIDUALLY TO SUPPORT MORE TRAINING PROGRAMS UNDER THE WMO.

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7. IN ADDITION TO THE WORKING GROUP TARGETED TOWARDS THE WCP, SEVEN OTHER WORKING GROUPS AND SEVEN RAPORTEURS WERE NAMED TO LEAD THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION DURING THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. AMONG THESE, SNEYERS (BELGIUM) RETURNS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CLIMATE STATISTICS GROUP; BECHET (ALSO BELGIUM) TAKES OVER THE GROUP ON TECHNICAL REGULATIONS AND GUIDES; RIVOLIER (FRANCE) WILL HEAD THE GROUP ON HUMAN BIOMETEOROLOGY; CHANDLER (UK) IS CHAIRMAN FOR APPLICATIONS OF CLIMATE TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS; WEININGA (NETHERLANDS) CHAIRS THE GROUP ON METEOROLOGY AND ENERGY; QUINLAN (USA) WILL HEAD THE GROUP DEALING WITH APPLICATIONS TO ENGINEERING AND BUILDING.

8. THE EIGHTH SESSION OF COSAMC IS PLANNED FOR 1982. THERE WERE NO OFFERS TO HOST THIS SESSION, SO THE MATTER WILL BE LEFT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION AND THE SEC. GEN. WMO TO SETTLE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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